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Addison Gilbert

Mention antique cars, and Addison Gilbert's eyes light up.

The mustached, pipe smoking, Palm Beach Junior College computer operations manager, owns a carefully tended 1927 Model T Ford, which he has restored from the upholstery out.

"It has eight coats of paint, all hand-rubbed," Gilbert says.

The disassembled Model T, which he's had since 1966, took over the garage and other parts of the house for a time, while his new car was parked in the driveway, "until finally my wife, Marilyn, put her foot down."

Gilbert became interested in antique cars through his father-in-law, John Kiner, a charter member of the Vintage Automobile Club of the Palm Beaches, to which Ad now belongs.

The organization began with about 14 members in 1959, Gilbert says, and has grown to over 200.

During the recent Pioneer Days in Lake Worth's Bryant Park, there were 212 antique cars on display, "even more than at the state meet in Ormond Beach last November."

The car buff tells of an opportunity he passed up some years ago.

"I had a chance to buy a 1928 Franklin, with a complete extra engine in upstate New York when I was 16, but I turned it down," he says.

Gilbert is originally from Gloversville, New York, a town which used to have 400 glove factories, but that number has dwindled to around 80 at present.

"My father is still in the glove business," Ad says.

Gilbert recalls skiing as a youngster to his family's summer home in the Adirondacks, to shovel heavy snow off the roof so it wouldn't collapse.

"My father used to say New York State has two seasons, the Fourth of July and winter, and I believe he was right," says Gilbert.

The warmth of Florida, where his grandparents lived, looked good to Gilbert, so he decided to attend college at PBJC, where he was to meet his future wife, Marilyn, then a student in the medical assistant's program.

Both Ad and Marilyn were active in clubs on campus and Gilbert was president of the college singers, to which Marilyn also belonged.

The couple married in 1960 and spent three years in New York, while Gilbert attended the University of New York in Schenectady, Albany and later graduated from the Albany Business College for computer training.

The severe New York State winters -- "I spent two months in a back brace from shoveling snow," -- convinced the couple that they should return to Florida.

For nine years, Gilbert worked with Palm Beach County as director of the Data Processing Center.

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Blood Bank Account - PBJC

Blood is usually a scarce commodity when a person needs it most.

But at Palm Beach Junior College, students, faculty and staff members and their families can be secure in the knowledge that when they need blood they will be able to get it from the PBJC Reserve Blood Bank Account at the Palm Beach Blood Bank.

"Our account also includes those who work for the Palm Beach County Board of Public Instruction and their families, as well," according to Paul J. Glynn, Vice President of Student Personnel, who coordinates the PBJC Blood Bank.

A good number of those who are eligible to receive blood don't even know we have this service, Glynn said.

Glynn, who has been in charge of the PBJC blood bank account for the past 20 years, says in that time thousands of pints have been collected from PBJC students, faculty, staff and School Board employees.

In a recent blood drive sponsored by the PBJC Sales and Marketing Club, 96 persons came to donate.

"He added that recently an evening student told him about a need for blood in her family.

"She was so happy to hear about our PBJC service, and just this week I received a note from her thanking the blood bank for their help," he said. "It is really gratifying to be able to furnish blood when it's needed.

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AROUND CAMPUS

Hamid and Mary Faquir and big sister Hamida are proud of their new arrival, Tahira, born October 4. Little Tahira has been very ill and we hope at this reading she is all well again.

Norma and Jack Woodyard returned from their vacation trip to Norma's home town, Effingham, Illinois to find they have a new grandson, Jonathan, born on Halloween to their daughter Joyce and her husband in Sebring. Norma and Jack also stopped to visit their older daughter, June and her family in Tallahassee.

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Salle Griffith of Social Science, who was married November 8 to James H. (Gunney) Thornton of Delray, where they are now living. Gunney is a retired Marine and is working for the City of Delray.

Also to Barry Rogers, Controller, and Chris Pouliot of Purchasing who were married on November 8.

Jessie McKenna reports that on her last trip back home (East Palestine, Ohio) she had the unique experience of deer hunting with a bow and arrow--the law in Ohio does not allow shooting until December 1. Jessie said the hunting expedition involved 16 miles of hiking which she enjoyed in the beautiful Fall scenery, but no deer!

A lovely baby shower was held for Lorraine Horne by her co-worker, Betty Linn on November 12. Lunch was served to many girls who work on campus. Lorraine's new baby will be well taken care of when SHE (we hope it's a girl) arrives.

Beautiful colored leaves and fresh northern apples appeared in our office when Sue Frazier and Joyce

Cates returned from their vacations last month.

Sue, and husband Bob took a motor trip to Virginia, North Carolina, and Washington, D.C. to enjoy the beauty of the Fall leaves and visit historical places of interest to them. Sue remarked that she saw so many battlefields that she almost began to suffer from shell shock.

Joyce and her husband went to Gatlenburg to relax and enjoy the Fall scenery in a quaint mountain chalet -- complete with fireplace -- which they really appreciated when it started to snow!!! While there, they were visited by Caroline Wiseman and her husband. Some of you may remember that Caroline was the former Records Clerk in this office several years back.

After the hub-bub of pre-scheduling about 4400 students, as of this writing, we're all ready for a break. (Our hats are off to Mr. Graham, who is doing a great job of leading us through our "trials and tribulations", along with the assistance of Mr. Ferguson.) Most of our staff will be spending Thanksgiving with their families -- either coming here or going there. However, Barbara Belleman will be spending her holiday recuperating from surgery. We hope all goes well for her.

GOLDEN CUP

For the third year in a row, the Palm Beach Junior College Food Service program has received the Golden Cup Award from the Pan-American Coffee Bureau.

"As far as I know, PBJC is one of the few colleges in the country ever to have received this award, and the only one to have earned this honor three consecutive years," Mrs. Martha Hall Ambrosio, an instructor in the PBJC Food Service program points out.

Samples of brewed coffee, made at different times in the Food Service kitchen were sent to The Coffee Brewing Center, a non-profit laboratory, sponsored by the coffee-growing countries of the world, Mrs. Ambrosio explained.

The PBJC coffee was found to be in the "ideal" area.

Mrs. Ambrosio and her students from HR 213 -- Supervision and Management in Quantity Food Service -- give the following hints for ideal coffee-making:

1. Always start with a clean coffeemaker and fresh cold water.
2. Use proper grind of coffee.
3. Always use three-fourths of the coffeemaker's capacity.
4. Use 3 ounces of coffee for each eight cups of coffee.

THE PERSONNEL REPORT

by J. M. Schneider

Equal Access - Equal Opportunity Committee Announced

Early this calendar year a new committee was formed to coordinate and monitor equal opportunity plans and programs for both students and personnel of the College. Committee appointees include both minorities and women in administrative, instructional, professional and classified positions. A handicapped student was appointed, but subsequently had to resign. Another handicapped student is expected to be appointed in January.

Lorraine Horne of the News Bureau is the committee member representing the classified staff. I act as the Equal Access-Equal Opportunity Coordinator and Jesse Ferguson, the Assistant Registrar, is the Assistant Equal Access-Equal Opportunity Coordinator. Mr. Ferguson has a primary responsibility for student equal opportunity matters.

The Committee operates within guidelines established by the Department of Education and HEW.

Time for Major Medical Claim Review

The calendar year is the period during which a Major Medical claim may be established. With 1975 coming to an end and each employee with Blue Cross Blue Shield and Major Medical coverage should review the amount he or she has paid out-of-pocket for medical expenses during the past year.

If any individual covered by our health insurance had medical expenses totaling over \$100, it is possible our employee can file a Major Medical claim and be reimbursed for 80% of expenses paid in excess of the \$100 deductible. Some medical expenses such as prescription drugs and doctor's office visits which are not covered under the basic coverage are reimbursable under Major Medical.

It may also be important to remember that those who did not file a Major Medical claim last year can use the 15 month period of October 1, 1974 through December 31, 1975 to satisfy their \$100 deductible.

If you have any questions or need any assistance in processing a Major Medical claim, feel free to stop in at the Personnel Office.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Marie Bruder has returned to the College as a Clerk Typist in the Payroll Office. Marie had formerly been a Key Punch Operator in Data Processing.

Loretta Taylor's resignation allowed Marjory Carroll to be promoted to a higher accounting clerk position. Kathy Crowley has been reclassified and moved into that position.

Dianne Miller at the Glades Center has been promoted from her position as Clerk in the Bookstore to fill the vacancy created with the departure of Dorothy Jummere, Dr. Conley's former secretary. Maricela Garza is the new Clerk Typist in Guidance at the Glades Center while Janis Tedder is the new Clerk in the Bookstore.

KARATE CLUB

A 25-year-old karate champion from Thailand, who has studied the art for 12 years, teaches karate and self-defense to members of the Palm Beach Junior College Karate Club.

"Pansak Ratanaprasith-his American friends call him Paul-is a 4th degree Black Belt, and we're fortunate to have him as our karate instructor," says Roy E. Bell, Director Intramural and Recreation (I and R) Board, which sponsors the club.

The Karate Club meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 3 p.m., Bell adds.

The karate expert met his wife, Judy, the former

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Judith Newton, when, as a Law Enforcement student, she attended Paul's self-defense classes last year.

The couple was married first in an American-style church ceremony last March, and again in a Thai-style wedding at the college in April, to which the whole school was invited.

Paul's foster-brother, Paul Vejajiva, a 2nd degree Black Belt, also attends PBJC and assists him in the classes.

Paul (Pansak) teaches the Korean-style Tae Kwon Do, and Thai boxing, which both emphasize the use of the feet, and Kung Fu, in which hand techniques are used more than 80 per cent of the time.

The instructor went to Korea when he was 20 years old to learn Tae Kwon Do.

"We spent almost all day, seven days a week working on karate, and I received my 1st and 2nd degree Black Belt while there," Paul says.

The instructor says it would be considered a sin for a person to use karate in the wrong way.

Before the karate instruction begins, Paul's students bow first to the flag, then to their instructor, and finally to the higher ranking members of the class as a sign of respect.

The first step in Tae Kwon Do is the White Belt, according to Paul.

The student then progresses through the various degrees of yellow, blue, brown and black belts.

At present, Judy is working on her 2nd degree Yellow Belt.

Paul plans to become a doctor, but he is also interested in Engineering," so I have a pre-Medical Major, and an Engineering minor."

Judy is still working toward a career in Law Enforcement.

Both have after-school jobs - - Paul at the Mandarin Restaurant, and Judy at Gentleman Jim's and also at The President Country Club.

They usually work between 4-10 p.m. on weekdays and then study for two to three hours after arriving home: their weekend schedule at times is from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The long hours of classes, work and study haven't affected their grades; both are good students.

After a rigorous schedule such as this, the couple look forward to the time when they finish school and begin their chosen careers.

ADDISON GILBERT (continued from Page 1)

With PBJC for the past two years, Gilbert believes that PBJC has one of the most advanced college data processing systems in the U.S.

"Colleges from all over the country have made inquiries about our system and a number have copied it," Ad point out.

Besides enjoying golf, tennis and bowling, Gilbert is pitching coach for his son Ad's baseball team, as well as coaching his son Steven's T-Ball team.

Both Marilyn and Ad sing in the First Congregational Church choir where he is lead tenor.

When they can schedule it, the family like to attend antique car meets in other parts of Florida, hauling the Model T on a tandem axle trailer.

"Although I've had the Model T up to 50 miles an hour, it's better to keep it down to 35 or 40, so we find it's better to trailer it," Gilbert says.

The car buff now has his sights set on a more modern car.

"So if you hear of anyone who wants to sell a 56 or 57 Thunderbird, let me know."

POST SCRIPT: After the above story was printed in local newspapers in June, Ad Gilbert went home to visit his father in Gloversville, N.Y.

But let Ad tell the story: "A perfect stranger approached me as I was coming out of a tobacco shop in Gloversville. He asked me if I was the car-buff son of Addison Gilbert. The man had seen a reprint of the article done by the PBJC News Bureau in the Gloversville Paper.

"He asked me if I'd be interested in buying a 1955 Thunderbird because his son had two of them, and had just been laid off from his job," Gilbert explained.

"I was delighted, looked at the cars, and bought one.

"The next time I get up to Gloversville, I plan to trailer my Thunderbird home, and then start restoring it," Ad said.

